## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRAMMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

JEAN-PIERRE TAHON ET AL

X.S. Serial No. 09/689,632 0 4 2002 Filed: October 13, 2000

Group Art Unit 1772

S. Hon, Examiner

IQUID CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT LAYER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

No additional fee is required.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

An additional fee is required as calculated below -Claims Other Than A Small Entity Remaining Highest No. Small Entity After Previously Present Add'l Add'l Pa<u>id For</u> Amendment Extra Rate Fee Rate Minus \*\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_ x \$ 9 \$ x \$18 \$\_ Minus \* x \$42 \$ x \$84 \$\_ First Presentation of Mul Dep Claim.... x\$140 \$ Total Additional Fee.....

- \* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.
- X This response is being filed within the period for response.
- Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:
  - First-Month Extension.....\$ 55.00 / \$ 110.00 200.00 / \$ 400.00 \_ Second-Month Extension...... \$ Third-Month Extension.....\$ 460.00 / \$ 920.00
- Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 2, 2002 applicants elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 4-14, drawn to an article. However, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter of Group I, i.e., claims 1-3, drawn to a process of making; and Group III, i.e., claims 15-16, drawn to a process of using, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

A certified copy of European Patent Application No. 99203378.7 filed October 15, 1999 is being submitted herewith. Applicants claim priority of the application under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, more explicitly set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.55.

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> Respectfully submitted, JEAN-PIERRE TAHON ET AL

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Attachment - Priority Document